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SUBJECT: THIRD SESSION OF ECONOMIC COMMISSION

1. ON FEBRUARY 13, GOR ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, N. FODOR
HAND-DELIVERED TO BEWT THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM DPM
PATAN ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON:

QUOTE

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR OFFICIALLY TAKING OVER AS
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO CONVEY MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND
BEST WISHES FOR COMPLETE SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW POSITION.

I AM CONVINCED THAT THROUGH CLOSE COOPERATION OUR
BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WILL FURTHER DEVELOP IN
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THE INTEREST AND WELL BEING OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

IN EXPRESSING MY DESIRE TO MEET YOU ON THE OCCASION OF
THE THIRD SESSION OF THE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN JOINT
ECONOMIC COMMISSION, PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. SECRETARY, MY
BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR HEALTH AND

HAPPINESS.

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2. BEWT SAW THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE SIGNAL TO GOR
ON ACCEPTABLE TIME-FRAME FOR THIRD SESSION OF COMMISSION
AND ON MARCH 1 SECRETARY RICHARDSON SIGNED A LETTER
RESPONDING TO DPM PATAN AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

DEAR MR. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF FEBRUARY 10, 1976.
YOU MAY BE SURE THAT I SHARE YOUR BELIEF THAT THROUGH
INCREASED COOPERATION OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WILL
CONTINUE TO IMPROVE TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

SECRETARY MORTON HAS TOLD ME HOW MUCH HE ENJOYED
MEETING YOU LAST NOVEMBER AND THE VERY HIGH REGARD
HE HOLDS FOR YOU. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION
WITH THE PRODUCTIVE AND FRUITFUL SECOND SESSION OF THE
AMERICAN-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION.

AS YOU KNOW, HOWEVER, THIS IS BOTH AN ELECTION YEAR
AND OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION; THE DEMANDS ON MY
TIME BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER ARE CONSIDERABLE, AND MY
TRAVEL ABROAD MUST BE VERY LIMITED. ACCORDINGLY, I HOPE
YOU WILL UNDERSTAND IF I SUGGEST THAT THE MORE DESIRABLE
TIME -- FROM MY PERSPECTIVE -- FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF
THE JOINT COMMISSION WOULD BE IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF
THE YEAR. I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT MEETING AND TO
CONTINUING THE WARM RELATIONSHIP WHICH YOU HAVE
ESTABLISHED WITH MY PREDECESSORS.

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MR. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR
GREETINGS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR MEETING IN
BUCHAREST.

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3. RICHARDSON'S LETTER (AND COPY OF PATAN LETTER) POUCHED
TO EMBASSY ON MARCH 2 FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DPM PATAN.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST GOR REACTION TO PROPOSED
TIME-FRAME. KISSINGER

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